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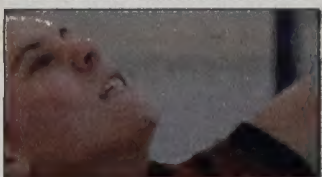
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Steve Galea,
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Truck parking worries resident

Proposed bylaw less restrictive here than in other municipalities

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

The current draft of the Minden Hills comprehensive zoning bylaw, which allows for the parking of one commercial vehicle of any size at any residential property in any residential zone, has caused a bit of a stir between council and at least one member of the public.

The current bylaw proposal is amended from a previous draft that allowed for one commercial vehicle weighing less than one tonne to be parked at residential properties in residential zones. The exception in the earlier draft was that small home occupations, (such as home businesses) could park one commercial vehicle of an unspecified size.

According to Reg Holloway, a Mountain Lake resident who has been following the bylaw developments closely, the loophole created by the home business clause in earlier drafts, and the less restrictive current version of the bylaw could allow trucks to be parked in driveways all over the township – in town and on shorelines.

Unlike Minden Hills councillors, who feel that operators of big trucks should be allowed to park their vehicles where they live, Holloway thinks this is out of step with other municipalities and could be damaging to Minden Hills in the long run.

"Despite this [growing interest in our community among tourists and new residents], our council-

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Call of the wild

Steve Morin exhibited his game calling savvy several times throughout the Snowball winter carnival held last Saturday in Dorset. While calling for loons (above) received no natural responses this year, last year Morin swears he heard a call back from somewhere on Lake of Bays – despite being the middle of February. For full coverage of Snowball, see inside. Photo, Bryn Weese.

Roads crews on the job even if strike happens

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times Editor

If CUPE goes ahead with its threat to start an illegal strike today, few if any services will be reduced in the Highlands.

Although the union local for county's roads department had at first decided to support their union's protest against provincial changes to their pension fund, the workers recently decided to stay on the job. While they plan to have demonstrations after work, they feel it is an illegal strike and won't support it,

says operations manager Doug Ray.

Municipal roads department workers have also decided to not join the strike.

At Haliburton Highlands Health Services, there has been no talk of joining the strike because CUPE workers fall under a different pension plan.

CUPE is against a provincial bill that would allow paramedics, firefighters and police officers to negotiate different pension agreement. That bill affects only the Ontario

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Roof crushes many boats

Snowload collapses marine storage building and greenhouse in Carnarvon

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

What started out as a non-descript walk for Sue Bennett and her dogs ended up being probably the most memorable she will ever have.

Sunday morning after church, Bennett and her two dogs were walking counterclockwise around "the block" in Carnarvon (Highways 35, 118 and East Road) as they do twice a day. As they approached That Place in Carnarvon at about 10:30 a.m., she heard a loud noise over her shoulder. She turned around just in time to see one of the two boat-storage barns at Northland Marine collapse.

"I heard a big loud crack and I thought there was a lot of snow and ice falling off the [Northland Marine] barn, and when I turned around and looked, the roof had just started to come down ... and it went straight down," says Bennett. "I just stood there and went 'Oh my god.'"

"I was just standing there thinking 'Oh my god, I can't believe that just happened.'"

Bennett says the whole ordeal was over in the blink of an eye and that the collapse of the barn's roof made nothing more than a puff of snow, but that the impression it left on her will last forever.

Neither Neil nor Brad Griffin, from Northland Marine, were

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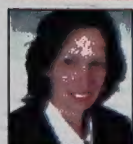
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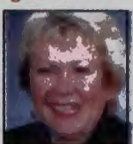
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School buses will run but after school programs could be affected by CUPE strike

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Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS). The CUPE staff at HHHS have their pensions with the Hospitals of Ontario Pension Plan and therefore aren't affected by the bill.

"We don't expect any action at all," says CEO Keith Sansford.

Even if CUPE calls for an illegal strike, Trillium Lakelands District School Board intends to keep all of its schools, child care centres and administrative offices open, and to continue to provide programs and services for all students to the best of its ability with available staff. School bus transportation will also continue.

After-school programs and the community use of school buildings will be affected, however.

CUPE Local 997 is committed to keeping daycare centres attached to Trillium Lakelands schools open. School and board office buildings will not be picketed.

"This is not a local issue between our board and our local CUPE union," says Director of Education Kathy Verudyn, "We enjoy a strong, positive, working relationship with our CUPE employees."

CUPE workers in Trillium Lakelands District School Board include: custodial and maintenance staff; office, clerical, and technical staff; and educational assistants.

Trillium Lakelands District School Board will evaluate the situation daily and update schools and school communities on local radio stations and through the board website at www.tlidsb.on.ca.

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The roof of Northland Marine's storage barn, which contained many valuable boats, was crushed by a heavy load of ice and snow Sunday morning. The greenhouse at



Pine Reflections, just around the corner from Northland, collapsed sometime Thursday evening. Photos, Bryn Weese.

Smashed greenhouse wasn't insured; rebuilding will cost more than \$10,000

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available for comment but they were out at the marina on Tuesday with insurance workers looking over the barn's damage.

The barn, a very large and long structure, stored boats on three levels. A very conservative estimate would place the number of boats stored inside the barn at more than 100.

Bruce Moffatt, who had stored an 18-foot bow rider at Northland Marine this year has been contacted by the marina.

"I know that the barn is demolished, but I have no idea as to the condition of the boat," says Moffatt. "Maybe we'll be lucky, it might be in the right spot. Who knows?"

Moffatt has been around to survey the damage from afar. He drove by and had a look from an adjacent property.

"It's a pancake," he says about the barn where his boat has been stored for the past several years. "It's probably too much snow and too much ice I would think."

Because the Griffin's declined to comment, it is not known at present what insurance arrangements will be made, although Moffatt expects it will be the individual boat owners who have to make the claims.

"The [storage] contract says that the boat owner has to be insured," he says, indicating the possibility of individual owners making the insurance claims.

And the Northland Marine boat storage barn wasn't the only roof to collapse in Carnarvon during this past weekend.

In the wee hours of Friday morning, the metal-framed greenhouse at Pine Reflections buckled under the weight of ice and snow.

"It was quite the shock on Friday morning," says Gina Atkinson, who along with her husband Nigel owns Pine Reflections. "Nigel came in the house and said it had collapsed. At first I didn't believe him, but he's not one to make something like that up."

The greenhouse, made famous by the annual haunted house party, is approximately a \$35,000 building. Some of it will be salvageable. Covering the metal frame is a heavy-duty plastic. However, the Atkinsons envision the cost to rebuild in excess of \$10,000.

"It's just the cost of doing business in the garden industry," says Gina. "We have no choice but to rebuild. In the spring and summer, the greenhouse is an experience in itself."

Unfortunately for the Atkinsons,

greenhouses and other auxiliary outdoor buildings are not insurable. The contents, however, are a different story. Being stored in the greenhouse over the winter were garden tools, concrete fountains, other assorted garden decorations and fertilizer. Luckily, says Nigel, only about 10 per cent of Pine Reflections' inventory in the green house was damaged.

"We were lucky," says Gina. "I'd packed most of the stuff on the sides and most of the snow fell in the middle."

However, two vehicles being stored in the green house were damaged during the collapse. A white Camaro was damaged severely while a newer Chevy pickup truck suffered less damage. Both vehicles belonged to friends and neighbours who have been informed of the damage.

Pine Reflections plans to have a rebuilt and re-covered green house by April 15. It's a deadline made easier by the helpful hands that have already been offered.

"We had a lot of neighbours helping us already," Gina says of the friends who worked during the weekend, with a Bobcat back hoe, to clear much of the snow and ice that had filled the interior. "We've had a lot of offers for help. It just shows what kind of community this is."

Pro shoveler says your roof might not need clearing

There is no doubt that the recent roof collapses and heavy snowfall will prompt many people to have their roofs shoveled, but think twice, says professional roof shoveler Jim McKelvey.

"Most of the roofs out there today do not need to be shoveled," he says. "Roofs built to code can take a lot more weight than this. The ice, in fact, can help. It spreads the weight around on the roof."

McKelvey, who has 27 years' experience clearing snow off roofs, says that only 'special interest' roofs should be cleared and, even then, only if and when they need it.

"I like to say that an old roof is like an old man. It can't carry the load it could when it was twenty; sometimes they need a little help. Older roofs need to be watched more closely than younger ones," he says, adding that roofs that are not built to code or that have been altered not according to code are more at risk than roofs built recently and to code.

The Ontario Building Code, he says, requires a 75lb. per square foot snow load capacity. A limit we are so far nowhere near reaching.

"People should watch out for inexperienced roof shovelers offering their services," McKelvey says. "Liability is a big concern for home-owners. Every year, homeowners get sued because someone was injured while shoveling their roof. They are liable."

McKelvey, who is fully insured, also says that inexperienced roof shovelers routinely cause damage to shingles and roof structures that can cause leaks or worse. This year, especially, the ice on roofs has frozen in such a way that it has lifted shingles.

"There should be no banging, pounding or chopping when you clear a roof," he says. "The way the ice is this year [under shingles], breaking the ice will also break shingles."

McKelvey warns that people should not use the services of uninsured or inexperienced workers. Liability and damage to the roof are too great a concern. Most roofs in the area, he says, will be fine without clearing this winter.

— Bryn Weese

Nerves frazzled? Feeling stressed out? Learn how to cope at free workshop

by LANCE CROSSLEY
Times Staff

A free workshop on stress management is being offered at Hyland Crest on March 8.

The workshop, being offered by the Canadian Mental Health Association, will examine how stress impacts the body and life in general.

It will also offer various coping strategies.

"Stress is one of the triggers for mental illness," says Melanie Jackson, public education co-ordinator for the CMHA Victoria County Branch in Lindsay.

Mental illness such as depression, explains Jackson, follows closely on the heels of stress.

In fact, the World Health Organization says depression will rank second, only to heart disease, as the worldwide leading cause of disability in 2020.

"If you lead a stressful lifestyle and you don't learn to manage it well, depression can come on quickly," says Jackson.

Other ways stress manifests itself in the body are increased blood pressure, retarded digestion, and poor circulation. There is also evidence of a strong connection between stress and diabetes.

Jackson says stress is contagious and can cause strain on relationships at home with other family members.

"If the adults in the household have difficulty coping, it trickles down to children," she says. "It's a family problem."

The workshop will offer up coping strategies including implementing a "lifestyle

review" and "thought restructuring".

A lifestyle review may consist of downsizing your busy schedule, expanding your exercise routine, or learning to delegate.

Thought restructuring involves rewiring our thought processes when confronted with stress.

For example, it's not always possible to leave a stressful job but there are techniques that allow yourself to focus on the positive aspects of your work (even if you don't think they exist).

"Sometimes you can't change your situation but you can change the way of looking at a situation," says Jackson.

While the workshop is free, people are asked to register in advance by calling Melanie Jackson at 1-888-454-8875 or emailing at fc@nexuscom.net.



On Wednesday divers Ryan Reesor, left, and Dan Stiver worked hard in the frigid air and the frigid water to recover a snowmobile that fell through the ice. Along with Tony Aymong (not pictured), the crew was able to recover only one of the three snowmo-

biles that went into the lake. The other two were scheduled to be pulled out of the drink on Friday. Photo, Bryn Weese.

Two snowmobilers plunge through ice on Twelve Mile; an hour-and-a-half later, so does their buddy

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times Editor

Five people found out how cold a lake is in the winter when their snowmobiles went through the ice on Monday.

The accidents are prompting the Haliburton Highlands OPP to warn people to be careful when venturing out onto the county's lakes.

Officers responded to two separate reports of snowmobiles going through the ice on Monday.

The first incident occurred on Grass Lake in Haliburton. The operator was not from the area and was following a snowmobile that had ventured out onto Grass Lake at the mouth of the Grass River. The machine went into the water and both the rider and passenger managed to get out of the water and back to shore.

They suffered minor hypothermia as a result of the

mishap.

The second incident occurred on Twelve Mile Lake near the narrows to Little Boshkung Lake. A group of snowmobilers was travelling down the lake when two of them went through the ice. Both of the operators managed to get out of the water. They received no injuries as a result of the incident.

About an hour later another member of the group went back to the scene and that sled also went into the water. This driver was taken to the Minden hospital where he was treated and released.

These two incidents reiterate the need for members of the public to be diligent when venturing out onto area waterways. People are reminded to check with local snowmobile clubs or fish hut operators before venturing out.

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New meters will 'Big Brother' your water usage

If you use more water than is 'allowed,' you'll be charged extra

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

They are little black boxes stuck to the side of your house and while they do not record your every move, they do record your water usage habits — habits that may cost you in the future.

In December, Minden Hills completed installing water meters on all residential properties currently on the Minden's water system. A first full reading, which does not require entry into the house, was completed in early January.

This first year of reading the meters, says Minden Hills Environment and Property Operations Manager Bob Romberg, is to understand water usage patterns of residents. Next year, it is expected that town water users will be ushered into a hybrid-user-pay system that would charge residents extra if they use more water than is allowed.

"It's going to have to be determined what sort of usage residents are taking advantage of previous to water meters," says Romberg. "We don't know [what the usage patterns are] and we won't know until after the first year of actual readings."

For three years now, Minden's commercial properties have been under such a system, where each property on the town's water is allowed 165 cubic meters per quarter for the rate of \$250 per year. Commercial properties that use more than the 165 cubic meters per quarter pay an additional \$1.65 per extra cubic meter.

Currently, residential properties pay quarterly payments totalling \$250 for unlimited water use, a rate the Romberg says is very reasonable.

"There is no question that the water rate is extremely reasonable," he says accentuating the word extremely. "However, it has not been determined whether the rates are going to go up in this year's budget."

While the rates may not go up, water costs may increase for some users next year depending on their consumption of water. Once average usage patterns are calculated with this year's four readings, the residential users of the town's water system will be subjected to the same hybrid-user-pay model as commercial properties.

The purpose of the water meter readings and ultimately



This 'remote reader' is linked to a device installed in the house's water line to monitor water usage. Four times a year, meter readers will scan this device to determine the residents' water consumption patterns. Next year, the township plans to charge people extra who use too much water. Photo, Bryn Weese.

the hybrid-user-pay model is two fold, says Romberg.

"There are two main components with water meters," he says. "One is to determine the exact usage per residential and commercial property in the village and the other is to encourage conservation."

"We can't say that we are never going to run out of water," he adds. "We want to ensure that there will be a supply of water for this community forever, shall we say, certainly for many, many years to come."

"It doesn't make sense to have the lawn sprinkler running 24 hours a day even though the lawn doesn't need it. You just don't dump it on the ground or wash your car

every second day. If you do, you are going to be expected to pay for it."

Romberg says that while, for the time being, the water system will not be entirely user-pay, nothing is impossible.

"More and more municipalities are going to the user pay system and it is fair to everyone. Nobody is getting an advantage. You pay for what you use," he says.

At the February 23 meeting of Minden Hills council, councillors will decide whether to enter into a five-year contract with Olameter Canada for water meter readings four times a year at an expected cost of \$7,500 per year.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Tact counts

Despite the fact that political interests often ignore local councils in favour of arguably more powerful, more illustrious provincial and federal governments, municipal and city councils play a powerful role in what people do and how they do it in their day-to-day lives. With constant downloading of responsibilities from upper-tiers to lower ones, that role increases in power almost annually.

Local governments, unlike provincial and federal ones, offer people a chance at real grassroots political participation. Be it input at a zoning bylaw public meeting or a delegation seeking funding for such-and-such project or cause, local councils offer the average Joe an unparalleled opportunity to exact real change over his or her life.

But change is still ultimately in the hands of elected councillors. They are elected to act in the best interests of their respective ratepayers, judged only at election time and, while effective lobbying and presentations to councils can turn the tide, by no means does it guarantee change or favourable decisions.

Experience shows that effectively approaching council and achieving favourable results requires an enormous amount of tact. Despite the rumours, councillors are still human and react to confrontation and pressure as all humans do – most often defensively.

Two recent examples prove the value of tact when approaching council and seeking change.

For the umpteenth time, Minden Hills resident Reg Holloway has appeared before council to voice his opposition to the current draft of the zoning bylaw that would allow one commercial vehicle of any size to be parked at a residential property in all residential zones.

There are many valid points to Holloway's argument but, unfortunately, his most recent style of approach before council was very confrontational. Council, in particular Reeve Jim McMahon, took offence and both sides dug their heels in a little further. The line in the sand, drawn so dramatically by both sides, has become a chasm seemingly too deep and wide to reconcile. Unfortunately for Mr. Holloway, council will have the final say.

Perhaps Mr. Holloway's 10 minutes in front of council would have been better spent offering positive solutions to the problem. While he did mention the idea of a 'truck park,' he might have offered more specifics. How have other municipalities created such parks? What are the costs to the townships? How could it be created in such a way to appease truck owners? Or, maybe a new idea entirely. What about a renewable or revocable permit that allows truck owners to park in residential zones until complaints and evidence suggest they are abusing the privilege?

While this kind of research is by no means the duty of ratepayers wishing to address council, it would prove beneficial when offering councils positive alternatives, to which they respond far better than to threats of decreased tourism interest and tarnished reputations, however true they may be.

Likewise for Lynne Kilby and the Shaun Chapman Memorial Skateboard Park Committee who learned the hard way that challenging the City of Kawartha Lakes' interpretation of the lease agreement between the city and the Austin family proved futile.

Recently, the committee has set its sights on the old township office in Kinmount as the future home of the concrete skateboard park. In doing so, they should load up with positive ammunition to present before council, to which council cannot respond negatively. It works better than asking council to trample on the wishes of the Austin Sawmill Park landowners, potentially jeopardizing future leases of the park by the city.

Councillors and, by default, local councils as a whole, like all of us, respond better to constructive criticism and positive solutions than to outright threats and demands.

— Bryn Weese

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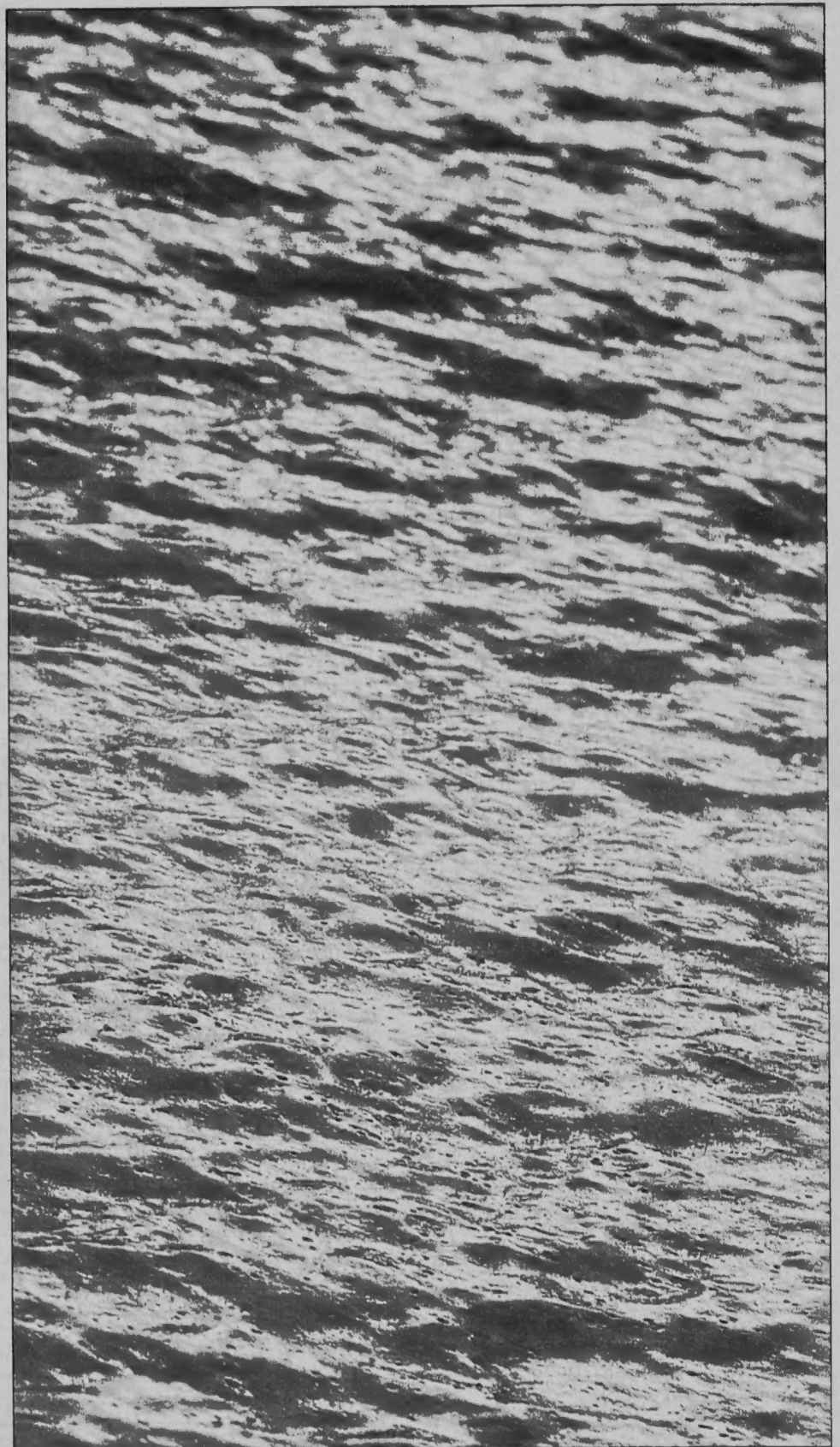
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Ripples in the ice.

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TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Singer sings praises of firefighters and friends

To the Editor:

What can one say at such a time but thank you so much to all my pals in Haliburton and throughout for their emails and phone calls and support after the destruction of my home.

I just can't thank you all enough for what you have done and are doing. I am safe and warm in Chicago and look forward to seeing you all soon and hope to be permanently home again by summer. A special thanks to my John, Louise Weber,

Doug Schell, Ivan Ingram (for making sure John was safe), Joanne, Martha Perkins at the *Times* and the Minden Fire Department for all their efforts. I won't be adding *Burning Down The House* to my set-lists anytime soon. No requests please. Thank you so much again and feel free to email me at dstracovsky@sbcglobal.net. Music is going great! Love you and miss you all (you know who you are).

Sheri Hawkins,
Chicago and Minden

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Feelings

I have never considered Vietnam a progressive country but maybe I was wrong. Hey, any nation that bans alcohol in karaoke bars can't be all bad.

That's right; it seems someone was really thinking over there. At least one decision-maker finally understood that excessive alcohol intake is the leading cause of karaoke. Maybe now the healing can begin.

Let me begin by admitting that I am not fond of karaoke. But it does have its uses. Utilized correctly, for example, I believe it might deter hardened criminals from repeat offences or prevent wild animals from inflicting crop or property damage. It might even be a slightly more humane way of gathering critical intelligence from captured enemy soldiers, although I suspect that there are several clauses in the Geneva Convention that prevent this.

Despite all these legitimate uses, somewhere along the line, karaoke just got into the wrong hands.

Even now, there are those who might attempt fullblown Sonny and Cher duets in public while completely sober. They are probably the same people who'd audition for *Canadian Idol*, take air guitar seriously, or wear thong bikinis to neighbourhood pool parties.

Luckily, the rest of us need copious amounts of alcohol flowing through our veins and several inebriated friends before even considering stepping up to the mike. Which just shows that there's hope for humanity after all.

Hopefully, other countries will follow Vietnam's lead. Here in Canada it might save a lot of embarrassment, too. In fact, I've never understood why Alcoholics Anonymous hasn't used tapes of karaoke contests to scare people sober. Maybe it's because the cure

is worse than the disease.

Many people doubt the effectiveness of banning alcohol around karaoke. So here's a simple test. Walk into a crowded room full of strangers, have a spotlight turned on you and, at the top of your lungs, sing your own stylized rendition of *Feelings* or *We Are The Champions*.

One hour and several empty shot glasses later, do it again. I guarantee that the second time will be much easier, although not necessarily for those who are listening.

Before I go any further I'd like to add that neither I nor this newspaper actually condones this test, and, in fact, caution you that it is dangerous and rather irresponsible. Let's face it, singing *Feelings* to any group of people twice in an hour is ample motive for whatever pain they decide to inflict



BEYOND35

Steve Galea

No soul and no taste buds

"Surely it must be that there is not a sufficiency of sugar maple trees in Horned Grebe Township."

So says Fixx to his friends around the table at the tearoom of the Sapsucker Arms. Then he sits there looking pleased with his pronouncement.

Old Delahanty and Young Robicheaux, who are sharing a healthful mid-morning repast with the old political hack, look flabbergasted.

Delahanty snorts in disgust. "Some October afternoon you really ought to turn off your satellite dish and look out your cottage window."

"Look at the hills that rise around Horned Grebe Lake. They are covered with sugar maples, or with something coloured just like them."

"And yet, come March, my little maple syrup operation will be the largest on the lake and I have only 175 taps. There are a few syrup-makers here and there in the township, but most maples will never see a spile."

"Years ago, I'm told, there would have been clouds of maple steam rising above the treetops all across the horizon."

Delahanty is sounding a little hysterical. The Brown Dog Jiggs, who has been warming himself beside the tearoom's unlit fireplace, looks up in alarm.

The old gaffer is all a-jitter, waiting

for the first day of tapping and the first boil with the same fearful anticipation as a marine about to come ashore at Normandy.

All he can think about and talk about this morning is syrup, which is why he wondered out loud why mapling isn't an important enterprise in Horned Grebe Township.

It should be, he says, the third most important of the county's major industries, right behind tourism and logging.

And so Fixx, having been presented with an issue, offers his analysis with absolute assurance even though he has not the least idea of what he is talking about.

It is a skill that has won him the admiration of generations of Queen's Park politicians, who keep calling him for advice even though he has retired to the cottage next to Delahanty's on Horned Grebe Lake.

Young Robicheaux, who lives so far back in the bush even the tax assessors haven't been able to find him, has been helping Delahanty prepare for a season that could begin in four days or four weeks.

His main task has been to keep Delahanty from melting down. There is equipment to wash and re-wash, snowmobile trails to make, buckets and spiles to count and re-count, kindling to split, bottle inventory to take...

At night, the old man sits up late at night with his computer, checking production records, deciding which trees to tap this year, changing the list he revised last night.

Now they are all taking a tearoom break. Robicheaux's morning snack is a bowl of maple-

flavoured ice cream made with Nova Scotia maple syrup. Old Delahanty is at work on a platter of maple cream cookies, sweetened mostly by sugars not maple-based. The Brown Dog shares his crumbs.

Fixx has been waiting for his treat. When the waitress Gretchen delivers his French toast along with a jar of super-market maple from Quebec, he draws back in dismay. "I was hoping for Aunt Jemima," he complains.

Delahanty graduates from disgust to outrage, almost levitating with fury. "I

knew you had no soul, but are you also without taste buds?"

"Aunt Jemima has no maple syrup in it all. It's just sugar and caramel. The Church of Perpetual Pragmatism out at the lake won't even allow it in the building for its pancake supper."

Just then Young Robicheaux puts his ice cream dish down on the floor for Jiggs to lick clean. Gretchen recoils in horror. "The health inspectors..." she begins.

"The health inspectors! They're part of the problem," declares Young Robicheaux. "The old fellows who used to make syrup are completely flummoxed by all the government rules and regulations."

"Young fellows like me who might want to get into the business either don't have the money or can find less risky places to put it."

"In the long term, you might make a decent profit, but in the short term, you can lose your shirt. You can't control the weather and a couple of bad years at the start can put you out of business."

"Still," Delahanty muses, "We have all these trees. This should be Vermont."

Just then a sudden squall draws a curtain of snow across the tea room window.

First tapping, thinks Delahanty, is still a few days away.



BACK OF BEYOND

Neil Campbell

The following letter was first sent to Mayor Kelly and Council, City of Kawartha Lakes.

After the tragic death of my son Shaun, a beautiful gift was presented to our family—the possibility of a skateboard park to be named after him. Although many tears continued to flow, tears of joy flooded my heart as well, knowing Shaun's life would be remembered in such a respectful way.

Why should we be given this skateboard park in Kinnmount?

First of all, for the many hurting teens and families in the community; having this park in Shaun's memory is one healthy step towards healing. The teens, who feel the pain of the loss of this bubbly, fun-loving young man who loved to skateboard, believe that his

memory would be kept alive by being a part of such a goal. I pray that this does not become a shattered dream.

Secondly, I believe putting a skateboard park would be a positive step towards keeping our kids off the streets. Keeping them busy is always the best choice; give them opportunities to stay involved and have fun doing sports of interest. Most here play basketball and own a skateboard and know this would become a great, safe environment to hang out in. Some may say, 'How do we know it will be respected, not abused and

well taken care of?' When my son died these kids were so hurt and discouraged; now they feel honoured to make this park of most importance because it is in memory of their friend whom they respected.

These same teens from our community have worked so hard on raising money through donations, determined to make this skateboard park a promising event in their community. I am so proud of this small community who work hard and are so determined.

Sadly, because this process takes time and

lots of patience, these teens are moving on to college and jobs. They are discouraged and distraught that this dream of theirs may not happen. It breaks my heart that they are so hurt and feel hope is gone. May you find it within yourself to quickly put in place what needs to be done so these teens may see their efforts, hard work, and determination pay off. They need to see that the Shaun Chapman Memorial Skateboard Park is forever set in place as a way to respect a friend gone much too early in his young life.

As Shaun's mom, nothing would add more joy than having this skateboard park in honour and memory of my dear son.

Cathy Chapman,
Kinnmount

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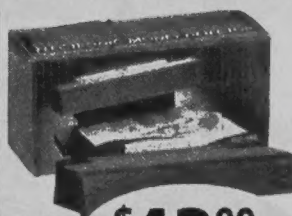
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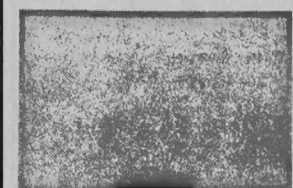
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Truckers vital part of the township: councillor

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lors appear to see nothing wrong in allowing the town and lakeside to be dotted with trucks and trailers," Holloway wrote in a letter to *The Times* in November. "They do not seem to care that they are completely out of step with other municipalities where every effort is made to keep trucks separate from residential areas and where, because of the danger of fumes, even excess idling is banned."

Elsewhere in the county, neither Algonquin Highlands nor Highlands East have bylaws restricting commercial vehicles in residential zones. Both townships noted that complaints about commercial vehicles had never been an issue. However, neither has the same concentration of residents as does Minden Hills.

The Municipality of Dysart et al, the other relatively heavily populated township in the county, does have a bylaw restricting the parking of commercial vehicles in residential zones. Only one commercial vehicle of less than 903 kilograms (slightly less than one tonne) may be parked on a residential property in a residential zone.

That is similar to what exists currently in Minden Hills and also what is scheduled to be replaced by the new comprehensive zoning bylaw being drafted to allow one commercial vehicle of any size. Currently, the three former townships that make up Minden Hills all had a bylaw regulating the parking of commercial



Minden Hills Reeve Jim McMahon took offence to a suggestion that council was "bulldozing its way through procedural niceties."

vehicles in residential zones to one vehicle of one tonne or less.

"What you are proposing is a blanket permission of such magnitude that it boggles the mind," Holloway told council at the most recent meeting on February 9. "There never was such a blanket rule, here or anywhere else. Surely it would be better to tailor this new rule to avoid endangering the economy and jobs."

Another development at the last meeting of council was the suggestion of the township's planner, Rick Hunter, to include a size limit of five tones (as is done in

Gravenhurst), which is still an increase from the current operating bylaw.

"The original clause in Section 4.21.8 [the clause dealing with commercial vehicles] was similar to those in existence in all of the Township's zoning by-laws," Hunter's report to council stated. "The purpose of the clause is to provide protection to existing residential landowners from having large commercial vehicles either parked or idling in close proximity to other residential uses."

Hunter later said that, in his experiences with the zoning bylaws he is familiar with, it is rare not to have a limit on the size of commercial vehicles allowed in residential zones.

For some members of council, in particular Reeve Jim McMahon, this issue has been blown out of proportion.

"We've spent more time on this particular issue than anything else in the bylaw," he said, adding that the bylaw enforcement department rarely, if ever, hears complaints about the commercial vehicle operators who break the current bylaw.

At council, McMahon took offence to Holloway's accusation that council was "bulldozing its way through procedural niceties," and "head off the professional planner from making recommendations..."

To date there have been three public meetings regarding the comprehensive zoning bylaw, the most recent and final meeting occurred in council chambers on

November 24, which attracted a large delegation from owners and operators of large commercial vehicles who opposed any restrictive limits to the size of commercial vehicles that could be parked in residential areas, and thus at their homes.

During the February 9 meeting of council, Councillor-at-large Peter Oyler had a lot to say about the prickly situation he feels council finds itself in now.

"They [the truckers] are a vital part of the township, there is no question, and they depend a great deal on those folks who live up here permanently, be it on shoreline or non-shoreline residential," he said. "And residents depend on truckers for the haulage of goods or construction. Both groups of people are dependant on one another."

"Does the trucker have the right to take home his truck? Absolutely," he added. "But the residents have the right to expect limits. They have a right to expect certain protections in the community."

"I've always believed zoning provided those protections. Vehicles of a certain size have less of an affect in some areas than in others," he added.

The bylaw currently stands as was originally proposed by council, that in residential zones, one commercial vehicle of any size be allowed to be parked at residential properties.

The zoning bylaw will be discussed at today's meeting of council in council chambers at 3 p.m.

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Location, location, location stalls skateboard park plans

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

Disappointing decisions made the City of Kawartha Lakes have left the members of the Shaun Chapman Memorial Skateboard Park feeling down but definitely not out.

"We're definitely not giving up," says Lynne Kilby, chairperson of the committee. "What we really need now are letters sent and attendance at council meetings."

The disappointing news came in mid-February when the City of Kawartha Lakes' community and emergency services committee met. Two separate motions to support, in principle, the efforts of the skateboard park committee were defeated. Despite support from several councillors, the location of the proposed 7,100 square foot concrete skateboard park seemed to be the hurdle.

Recently, Kilby and the other skateboard park committee members had been focusing on the Austin Sawmill Heritage Park as the preferred location, following a recommendation by the same committee that voted down the proposal a few weeks later.

Some members of council were

rethinking their earlier recommendation after receiving a letter from the Austin Sawmill Heritage Park's landlord, the Austin family of Austin Lumber in Kinmount.

"The city was not comfortable forcing the skateboard park at the Austin Sawmill Heritage Park," said Kilby at her committee's most recent meeting on Monday. "I understand that. The landlord was against [the skateboard facility in the Austin Sawmill Heritage Park] and they might not have renewed the lease."

Currently, the parkland is being leased to the Kawartha Lakes for a nominal fee. John Austin, president of Austin Lumber, had written to council expressing his opposition to the skateboard facility being built there.

"While the efforts of the Shaun Chapman Memorial Skateboard Park Committee for young people are commendable, placing the skateboard facility in such a setting as the Austin Sawmill Heritage Park is inappropriate," he wrote. "In my view, Mrs. Kilby and her committee should be encouraged to look elsewhere for land on which to build their skateboard park."

Council also received correspondence

from the Kinmount Committee for Planning and Economic Development (KCPED), of which Austin's wife, Diane, is the chair. The letter, signed by the committee's secretary, Diane Kernohan, reads:

"...We wish to state our strong opposition to the identification of Austin Sawmill Heritage Park as a potential site of a proposed skateboard park...The Parkland is already established as an area for soft recreation, and passive activity...Therefore, this site is not compatible with the extreme sport of skateboarding."

The KCPED letter goes on to say, "Ms. Kilby and the Shaun Chapman Skateboard Park Committee are wished well in their efforts for the youth of the community and are encouraged to seek a venue more conducive to their project."

And that, said Kilby at the skateboard park committee's most recent meeting, is what they intend to do. As of Monday, February 20, the committee has set its sights on the lands surrounding the former municipal building and the current library, located on the east side of Highway 121 south of the Burnt River

Bridge.

The former municipal office had been identified by the skateboard park committee as a second choice, but at the city's recent community and emergency services committee meeting, there was no acknowledgment of any other proposed site.

"We want to at least acknowledge that site as our new preference," says Kilby. "If there is some reason why it was not acknowledged by the city, we want to know why it isn't suitable."

Next on the agenda for Kilby and the skateboard park committee is to tell city council that they no longer favour the Austin Sawmill Heritage Park, but that they now favour the former municipal building, which is still owned by the city.

If the community and emergency services committee, and council, support in principle that location, Kilby and her group could then enlist their consultants, for \$2500, to undertake a geotechnical study to determine the suitability of the land and soil for a concrete skateboard park.

If all goes well, there could be a concrete skateboard park and basketball court in Kinmount, albeit still a few years away.

The estimated total cost is \$235,000 for both the skateboard facility and basketball court.

"I think a lot of the kids are starting to lose hope," Kilby told her committee at last Monday's meeting.

"It is a real shame."

Invitation to Participate Muskoka River Water Management Planning Process Standing Advisory Committee

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Ontario Power Generation, Orillia Power Generation Corporation, Bracebridge Generation Ltd. and Algonquin Power have prepared a Muskoka River water management plan. The water management planning area includes approximately 4,660 km² and measures over 62 km at its widest point. The river flows southwesterly through a series of rivers and lakes to empty into the southeast corner of Georgian Bay.

The intent of water management planning is to provide certainty and clarity as to how waterpower facilities are operated with respect to flows and levels during normal conditions while balancing environmental, social and economic objectives.

A standing advisory committee (SAC) is being established to advise, monitor and assist in the implementation of the Muskoka River water management plan. The SAC will consist of a number of citizens representing a diversity of interests within the plan area. The members will be reimbursed for reasonable expenses, such as travel and meals. The SAC will:

- advise on all matters relating to implementation of the plan
- monitor plan implementation and produce an annual status report
- document water level and flow issues
- review requests for changes to facility operation
- advise on need for plan amendments or plan review

Interested individuals are requested to submit in writing an expression of interest outlining their knowledge, interest, and perspective related to water management within the Muskoka river system. Candidates must also outline their ability to work with other groups or organizations to form effective partnerships and an ability to work with others in resolving issues. Please submit all expressions of interest by **March 17, 2006** to:

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The Ministry of Natural Resources is collecting comments and information regarding this water management plan under the authority of the *Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act* to assist in making decisions and determining further public consultation needs. Comments and opinions will be kept on file for use during the effective period of the planning exercise and may be included in study documentation which is made available for public review.

Under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (1987)*, personal information will remain confidential unless prior consent is obtained. However, this information may be used by the Ministry of Natural Resources to seek public input on other resource management surveys and projects. For further information regarding the Act, please contact Anne Collins at 705-646-5553.

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The lawn of the new Dorset museum will have plenty of "natural fertilizer" in the spring, after Northern Snowdog Sled Adventures ran dogsled rides there all day. Sponsored in part by Travel Professionals International and Gregory Brand Furniture, the sled rides were a big hit with newcomers to the sport, both young and old.



Dorset's Town Crier, Steve Travers, spent much of the day ringing his bell and drawing attention to the myriad of activities going on around Dorset.



Standing behind police caution tape, an exceptionally large crowd gathered to watch the OPP canine unit demonstrate their prowess at finding marijuana hidden in cars. While these two children in front may be too young to know what marijuana is, they could still appreciate a well trained dog and a responsible handler.

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Once again, the Junkyard Symphony Junkyard Jam was a huge attraction at the Snowball carnival. But drumming on recycled buckets, trashcans and kitchen wares isn't their only shtick, they also entertain with juggling and other assorted circus tricks. Here, Junkyard Johnny instructs the audience to "CHEER!"

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Algonquin Highlands council, represented by Deputy Reeve Tom Gardner and Councillors Kerry Lock and Diane Griffin, hosted the annual minnow races at the Snowball Festival with the help of Mark Coleman of Haliburton Highlands Water Trails. Children who picked the winning minnow received a giant pack of bubble gum for their efforts, while members of council just got cold hands. On the day, the minnow in lane number four was the minnow to beat.



The popular horse drawn wagon rides that went up and down Dorset's Main Street all day Saturday were sponsored by Haliburton North Construction and Algonquin Projects Limited. Good thing for the horses, Main Street is relatively flat.



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NOTICE

The tenth Annual General Meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Corporation (HHHS) will be held on Thursday, June 22, 2006 at 3:00 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services, Minden.

2006/07 Membership in the HHHS Corporation is available to any individual who has been a "resident of, or who has been employed or carried on a business in, the County of Haliburton or, in the Townships formerly known as Laxton, Digby and Longford, or Bexley or Somerville of Victoria County; or Cavendish and Galway of Peterborough County for a period of at least 12 months immediately prior to the payment of an annual membership fee of ten dollars (\$10). 2005/06 membership will end at the close of the June 22nd Annual General Meeting.

Membership in the Corporation entitles an individual to vote at any general meeting of the Corporation. New members must register at least ninety (90) days prior to the date of the meeting. Therefore, to be eligible to vote at the Annual General Meeting, new memberships must be obtained by March 23rd, 2006.

Members of the Corporation are also entitled to nominate Directors for election to the Board by submitting in writing a nomination which must be received by the Secretary of the Board by April 30th.

The fee may be paid and a membership card obtained at HHHS, Haliburton or Minden, during regular business hours, or by contacting:

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Red Hawks show little affection for opponents at Kawartha qualifier

by DARREN LUM
Times Staff

On Valentine's Day the Red Hawks showed little affection for their opponents, taking second place at the Kawartha qualifier hosted by Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

The senior women's volleyball team earned second place but fell short of taking the top place, losing two games (14-25, 20-25) to perennial volleyball power Clarke Secondary School, at the round robin tournament.

"We earned our spot and we had strong [tournament]," Red Hawks Head Coach Janice Rickard said.

Besides the single match blemish against Clarke, Haliburton dominated their other competitors, winning all eight games by as many as 15 points. They finished with an 8-2 record.

Losing against Clarke taught Haliburton what's necessary to win.

"Unforced errors" proved to be the Red Hawks' undoing in the first match against Clarke, Rickard said. The second game started well for Haliburton. They took the lead and held it with great net play, blocking and spiking for points against the Clarke power players.

Led by Laura Riley's strong and dependable blocks, the Hawks kept Clarke players off balance, searching for the angles. The Red Hawks' stellar play was matched by the equally impressive play of their opponents who kept plays alive with desperate scrambles and digs. Tied 15-15 at one point, the Red Hawks



Red Hawks power Natalia Rico wins a battle at the net. Photo, Darren Lum.

couldn't keep pace and lost 20-25. It appears Clarke and an unknown team, possibly a top-ranked team from Peterborough such as Kenner or Lakefield, will be the teams to beat at Clarke Secondary School in Newcastle on Tuesday, Feb. 21, said Rickard.

Rickard is pleased with the team's performance and believes success could be

around the corner with how the team has played to its competitors. The Clarke game is a definite indicator. The qualifying tournament included Cobourg West, Cobourg East, Port Hope, and St. Thomas Aquinas. Notable: Rickard said, "Part way in the season Brittany Hicks became our setter. For her to do well to pick it up is impressive."

Highland Storm hockey schedule

Peewee Rep 1/4 final schedule: Game 3: Feb. 24 at 7:40 p.m. in Schomberg. Game 4: Feb. 25 7:00 p.m. in Wilberforce. Game 5: Feb. 26 5:00 p.m. in Schomberg. Game 6: Feb. 28 7:00 p.m. in Minden. Novice Rep - Eastern "CC" Red Lobster Cup: Feb. 25: 1:30 p.m. at Cambellford. Atom A vs Schomberg - Quarter Finals:

Tykes shine in Lakers tournament

by KIM WOOD
Special to the Times

The Highland Storm Tykes competed in a two-day Gravenhurst Lakers Tyke Tournament on Feb. 11 and 12.

The Tykes had an awesome performance over the weekend. They were outnumbered on the bench but rarely on the scoreboard.

The first game against Orillia went to a nail-biting sudden death shootout, sending the Tykes over to the C Division.

The Tykes fought back in their second game against Coldwater winning 2-1, and again in the championship game against Gravenhurst 3-1.

Congratulations to all the players: Jacob Bishop (one goal); Josh Boice; Chace Burden (one goal, two assists); Morgan Hamilton (one goal); Andrew Hall; Carter O'Neill; Ethan Miles (one assist); Greg Crofts; Jaydon Wood (one assist); Noah Dollo (two goals, one assist); Nolan Flood.

Great game between the pipes, Austin Mckay.

Sat. Feb. 25: 5:30 p.m. at Wilberforce; Sun. Feb. 26: 3:30 p.m. at Schomberg; Tues., Feb. 28: 8:00 p.m. at Haliburton. PeeWee A vs Schomberg - Quarter Finals: Feb. 24: 7:40 p.m. at Schomberg; Feb. 25: 7:00 p.m. at Wilberforce; Feb. 26: 5:00 p.m. at Schomberg; Feb. 28: 7:00 p.m. at Minden.

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This Week's Feature: Highland Leisure

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Buying patio furniture may be hard to think of when the snow is piled high outside your door. However, it's a good time of year to buy last year's stock at Highland Leisure in Carnarvon. The store is presently selling patio furniture at prices that are 40 per cent less than what customers will be paying for the new stock that arrives this spring. Highland Leisure opened its doors in May of 2001. The niche market store sells high-quality patio furniture including rattan. Customers can choose from a wide selection of styles and colours. The other part of their business is pool and game tables made by Canada Billiards. Games such as foose ball, shuffle board, air hockey and dart boards are available at the store. Customers are able to purchase pool table supplies, as

well as custom cues.

Owner Georgia Hewson decided to open the business with her husband Mark when she wasn't able to find good replacement cushions for a quality patio set after moving to the county. They owned a pool table and knew the closest supplier was hours away. Today they operate the store with their son Jeremy managing it. Originally the couple thought the majority of their customers would be cottagers who seeking high-quality merchandise. However, Georgia says that the greater part of their clientele is full-time residents. New in the store are poker sets and poker tables. Highland Leisure is also stocking Copag cards. The heavily coated playing cards are popular as they are almost indestructible and can even be washed.



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The HHSS boys champion curling team is, back row: Vice Connor Duhaime and Skip Jake Walker. Front Row: Second Edward Cyr and Lead Jeff Sobol.



The HHSS girl curling team is, back row: Vice Erin Stephen, Lead Karen Cox-Gurdon and Skip Coral Pratt. Front Row: Second Chantel Stephens and Alternate Meghan Watson.

High school curling teams advance to Kawartha championship

by TOM DIBBLEE
Special to the Times

The HHSS boys curling team won all three of their games in the Kawartha South-West High School Curling

Championship on February 13 at Fenelon Falls Curling Club.

They placed first after defeating Campbellford 12 - 2, Fenelon Falls 8-3 and IE Weldon 7-2.

Highlights included almost getting a 7

ender! There was some excellent curling played.

The girls placed fourth in the championship tournament with one win and three losses.

They won an honourable mention for

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Both teams advance to the Kawartha Curling Championship at the Peterborough Golf and Country Club on Feb. 20, 22 and 24.

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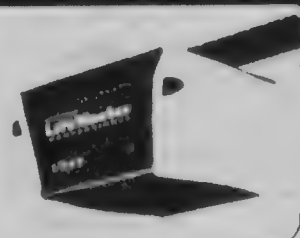
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Novices ahead in series

The Highland Storm Novices made the trip to Campbellford Saturday, February 18 for Game 3 of the Eastern Ontario finals.

Both teams looked sharp and came out flying when the puck was dropped at centre ice. Twenty-four seconds into the game the Colts scored.

The game was fast-paced with lots of end-to-end action and both goalies were kept busy stopping rubber. Campbellford was able to net one more to end the first period up two.

Curtis Ballantyne put the Storm on the scoreboard with an awesome unassisted goal two and a half minutes into the second and thirty seconds later Hunter Bishop tied the game with the help of Owen Flood to end the second period 2-2.

The third period continued to be hard fought and at 8:34 Devon Upton scored the go-ahead goal with assists going to Braydin Hollows and Ballantyne. The Colts come back to tie it up again and end the frame 3-3 forcing overtime. Five minutes into OT Campbellford scored the winner to end the game 4-3. A disappointing end to a well played game.

Sunday, February 19 Campbellford faced off against the Storm at the Haliburton arena for Game 4.

Once again it was a fast-paced game and neither team was able to get on the board in the first period.

The second period saw Wood net a lovely goal on a rebound shot from William Stephenson. The Colts were able to tie it up before ending the second period 1-1.

Forwards Braden Roberts, Bishop, Upton, Hollows, Blake Wood and Stephenson did a great job forechecking and in turn the defensive team of Connor Gadway, Ballantyne, Flood and Joel Fedeski looked after keeping the guys tied up in front of the net and clearing the zone. Goaltender Logan Churko was awesome in net, shutting down the Colts numerous times.

Hollows opened the scoring in the third on a sweet back-handed wrap-around with the help of Ballantyne and Upton. Unfortunately they held the lead for less than a minute when the Colts tied it up.

At 4:28 Hollows scored the game winner with a one-timer from in front of the net thanks to a great pass from Bishop.

With 3:38 remaining Gadway made a nice pass to Ballantyne who deked the Colt's goalie and put the Storm up by two ending the game 4-2.

The series is now 3-1 in favour of the Storm. Game five will be played February 25 in Campbellford.

CARNARVON LANES

Bowling League Scores

Tuesday Afternoon, February 14, 2006

High Average: Ken Thompson 213; Lillian Mattsson 177
High Single: Nick Biljetina 261; Shirley Venner 228
High Single HC: Nick Biljetina 298; Shirley Venner 312
High Triple: Ken Thompson 652; Tina Hadley 563
High Triple HC: Nick Biljetina 743; Hilda Rhynold 744

Tuesday Night, February 14, 2006

High Average: Ken Thompson 214; Marlene Robinson 201
High Single: Doug Nash 239; Barb Nash 245
High Single HC: Doug Nash 275; Barb Nash 291
High Triple: Ken Thompson 649; Brenda Harding 612
High Triple HC: Bob Pollard 726; Brenda Harding and Barb Nash (tie) 720

Wednesday Afternoon, February 15, 2006

High Average: Ken Thompson 212; Marie Thompson & Carol Snow (tie) 170

High Single: Ken Thompson 346; Norma Terro 219
High Single HC: John Whitty 288; Norma Terro 277
High Triple: Ken Thompson 788; Shirley Milne 572
High Triple HC: John Whitty 748; Shirley Milne 797

Thursday Afternoon, February 16, 2006

High Average: Ken Thompson 214; Shirley Webb & Josie Cheesman (tie) 167
High Single: Ken Thompson 269; Laura Carnegie 206
High Single HC: Bruno Campagnolo 283; Laura Carnegie 277
High Triple: Ken Thompson 648; Pearl Foster 550
High Triple HC: Bruno Campagnolo 745; Betty Henderson 723

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Kevin Ford (many of you know him as a cook at the Fiery Grill) would like to thank everyone who came out to the Firehouse recently for a benefit event in his honour. Kevin would especially like to thank Tim and Gillian at the Fiery Grill and Anita and Jay at the Firehouse. At a recent doctor's appointment, Kevin found out that things are looking good for a complete recovery from his battle with cancer. Thanks again to all who showed their support and encouragement to Kevin through his illness.

Despite frigid temperatures and a severe storm last weekend, the Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival was a huge success and well attended. A great time was had by all.

Results for the snowshoe races are as follows. In the ages 8 to 11 category, first was Eric Vangoch, second was Kevin Field and third was Alex Maggs. In the

ages 12 to 17 category, first was Tyler Bessey, second was Ryan Kiely and third was Jessica Pulfrey and finally, in the ages 18 and up category first went to Wendy Priest, second to Domenic Monteleone and third to Shelly Vankirk. Congratulations!

Winners of the Dorset Snowball raffle are Phyllis Luke, Fran Gower, Sandy Davis, Connie Chatelaine, "Fred", Sarah Alexander, Barb Kostenuk and Lorraine Cyopick. Winner of the Dorset Heritage Museum 50/50 draw was Joey Astle.

Organizers of the Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival want to thank all the participants and volunteers for their dedication and commitment to this great community event. Without the support of community groups, local businesses, Algonquin Highlands Township and many, many individuals, this event wouldn't be possible. Watch for your invitation to the upcoming Dorset Snowball wrap up party soon to be announced.

Tai Chi takes place at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

The Lake of Bays Anglican Parish will be having a combined service at 10:30

a.m. at St. Ambrose in Baysville on Sunday, February 26.

If you have trouble remembering Haliburton County Public Library's old website, www.libris.ca/hali, you're not alone. Breaking it down, Libris is latin for book, .ca stands for Canada and Hali is short for Haliburton. The website is still in use for looking up branch hours.

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One easier to remember? Let's break that one down; www.haliburton.canlib.ca appears to take the first three letters from Canada and library and .ca is Canada again. So visit

www.haliburton.canlib.ca. It's worth remembering.

Birthday wishes for the week of February 19 to 23 go out to Chris Clarke, John Keown and Nelly Vitkin. Celebrate and have fun on your special day!

To submit an item of interest or a birthday wish, please email me at melalfano@hotmail.com or give me a call at 705-766-0076.



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2006-2026 Forest Management Plan

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR), Bancroft Minden Forest Company Inc. and the Local Citizens Committee invite you to inspect the 2006-2026 forest management plan for the Bancroft Minden Forest. The purpose of this notice is to announce the MNR Regional Director has approved the plan and to offer you the opportunity to inspect it.

The MNR-approved forest management plan is available for your inspection so that you can decide if the plan is a reflection of balanced, well-informed and fair decisions. The MNR-approved forest management plan includes the long-term strategic direction for the management of the forest, details of planned operations for harvest, renewal and tending, and access road locations for the first five-year term 2006-2011. In addition, the plan includes supplementary documentation, such as tables and maps used to help make decisions and a list of the major changes which were made following public consultation on the draft forest management plan.

The MNR-approved forest management plan will be available for inspection during normal office hours for a 30-day period beginning February 23, 2006 to March 26, 2006 at the following locations:

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Additionally during this 30-day period, the MNR-approved forest management plan will be available for inspection at the MNR Bancroft District office during non business hours, by arranging an appointment with the MNR District Manager. Please contact Chris Davies, A/District Manager at 613-332-3940, ext. 201.

A summary of the MNR-approved forest management plan and copies of values maps used during FMP development may be obtained from the Bancroft Minden Forest Company Inc. office or the MNR Bancroft District Office

The planning team for the forest management plan consisted of the following people:

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Kathy Irwin, Bancroft Area Biologist
Gerry Moraal, Minden Area Biologist
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Bruce Fleck, R.P.F., Forester

The planning team members, the MNR District Manager and the local citizens committee are available during the inspection period to meet and discuss your interests and any issues or concerns you may have. During the 30-day inspection period, any person may make a written request to the Minister of Environment for an individual environmental assessment of specific proposed forest management activities in the forest management plan. A response to a request will normally be provided by the Minister of the Environment after the completion of the 30-day inspection period, following the process described in the *Forest Management Planning Manual* (2004).

Public comments are collected and documented as part of the public consultation process for forest management as required under the *Crown Forest Sustainability Act*. A summary of all comments collected throughout the planning process is available to the public in a summary form and will be available for the duration of the approved plan. Under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (1987) or FIPPA, personal information will remain confidential unless prior consent is obtained. However, this information may be used by the Ministry of Natural Resources as public input on other resource management initiatives. For further information regarding FIPPA, please contact Vince Ewing at 613-332-3940, ext. 206.

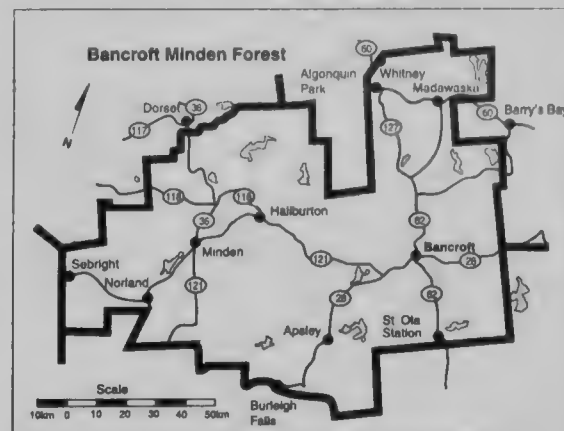
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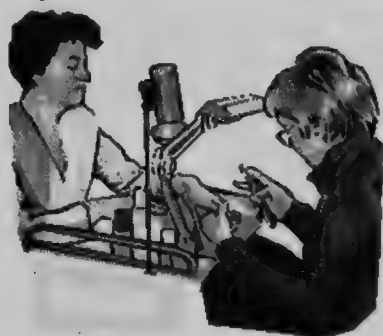
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Here at the old farmhouse preparations are underway for the annual visit of good friends who are avid cross country skiers. Clearing one bedroom of boxes hastily stored out of sight of Christmas company proves an adventure. So far the missing box of Christmas cards has surfaced along with two unmatched socks, a gift bracelet and a special journal meant to have been started on January 1st. Unlike our "smalls" this company is all grown up, retired and, from their own cottages, very familiar with the vagaries of country

plumbing.

The radio this morning brought reports of a new product coming onto the market. Designed to hasten the toilet training process Cottonelle will be marketing a new tissue with the picture of a puppy on every fifth sheet. Someone on that company's Research and Development team has determined that this will motivate toddlers to visit the bathroom more willingly. I'm all for encouraging progress but remain undecided as to whether grandson Ben's mother Ellen should be advised of this

item. Personally I still like daughter Megan's system of floating Cheerios "bat-tleship" targets in the toilet bowl.

Through my window the snow is falling so heavily I cannot see up the hill. Weekend weather projections are positive for the Kinmount Winterfest coming up this Saturday, February 25th.

A full day of activities is planned with something for everyone beginning with a Pancake Breakfast & Country Raffle at the Community Centre from 8 - 11 a.m.. Up at the Fairgrounds enjoy the parent-child hockey game at noon in the arena, take a tour on a horse-drawn sleigh, skate, toboggan, join the treasure hunt or sample some delicious refreshments. Get a head start on spring at the outdoor baseball tournament. Better still enter a team by contacting Mike at Timbr-Mart [488-2000], the entry fee is \$10 for each player.

In the evening at 8 p.m. back at the Community Centre a dance will be held with snacks and door prizes included in the \$5 admission; please note this is an age of majority event. Winterfest is the co-ordinated effort of several community organizations and the efforts of these volunteers much appreciated.

The Annual General Meeting of the Kinmount & Area Artisans Guild will be held at the community centre this Sunday, February 26 at 2 p.m.. All members are encouraged to attend.

The Guild operates the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace on the lower level of the Community Centre with current hours from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Now for the Scoring News with your usual reminder to keep busy and well. They go together.

Two of the regular events were cancelled this past week due to poor weather conditions.

February 14 euchre at Lochlin Community Centre: High score holders were Dorothy McElwain for the ladies and Gene Newell for the gents while Pearl Cowen and Harold Harvie recorded the lows. Isabelle Saunders won for lone hands and Gala Stamp took home the special prize.

February 14 bid euchre at Minden Legion:

Jean Scadden reports that Isobel Cherwenka and Gala Stamp tied for top spot at 309 followed by Rob Evans at 282. Don Burch took the only moonshot with Chris Clarke, Eileen Shepstone and Pat Roussel holding the hidden scores.

February 14 Stanhope Firehall Seniors Mixed Shuffleboard: In first place were Laura Carnegie and Grace Berardi at 280. Tied for second at 248 were Flo Roussel and Jim Meadows and Sandy Poulton partnered with Bob Clarke while Helen Skelding and George Hamilton came third at 236. The afternoon's low of 115 went to the team of Joan Meadows and Verna Sawyer.

February 14 contract bridge at Stanhope: There was only one Slam over the afternoon played by Pearl Foster and Dave Heaven. Leading the high scoring quartet was Mary McNeice at 5210 followed by Diana Spicer 5090, Bruce Armstrong 4610 and Gloria Moore 4350. Dave Heaven won the lucky draw, Ray Moore the Shiny Penny and, befitting for Valentine's Day, to Mary McNeice the S.S. Award for being Stanhope's Sweetheart.

February 15 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing the Howell method it was Stella McMillan and Ross Davies first at 66% then Pat Hannah partnered with Ross Fletcher at 65% and in third Mayme Douglas and Reet Murray at 52%.

February 15 Kinmount Seniors euchre at Kinmount Legion: For the ladies high score honours went to our reporter Theresa Deak with Thelma Francis low. Marcy Morgan won for high man, Mike St. Thomas for low man, Emily Harvie for lone hands and Mildred St. Thomas the draw.

February 15 bid euchre at Stanhope: Moonshot quintet members were Percy Butler, Leroy Mowat, Marj Coffey, Lottie Rutan with singles and Rob Evans doubling. Jean Scadden led the pinks at 301 then Gala Stamp 283 and Sharon Evans 268 with Pat Scadden tops for the whites at 310, Jack Cox 306 second and Percy Butler 267 third.

February 17 bid euchre at Club 35: Colleen Davison had the evening's single moonshot and Clara Miscio uncovered the hidden score. Heading up the pinks was Marion Farr 251 with Verna McDonald next at 230 and Helen Windsor 198 third while Peter Farr came first for the whites at 293 followed by George Bye 208 and Linda Voicey 200.

February 18 bid euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Moonshots went to Jean Scadden and Barb Robitaille with Maria Tschida, Margaret Fletcher and Isobel Cherwenka taking the draws. Champion for the pinks was Jean Scadden at 302 with Pat Roussel 291 second and Gala Stamp 192 third.

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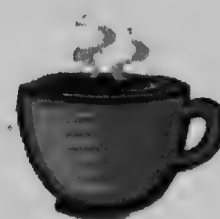
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Sharing skunks at Friendship Club

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Not to be outdone Pat Scadden topped the whites at 315, then Barb Robitaille 238 and in third Pat Bailey 176.

February 20 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Lone hand honours went to Lorna Hicks and Maria Tschida with Verna McDonald and Pearl Cowen recording the afternoon's high scores and Laura Carnegie the low. Pearl also won a draw along with Margaret Fletcher who shared a visit from the skunk with Lorne Dinesen.

February 20 cribbage at Minden Legion: The top trio were Bob Cleverly first, Edith Burch second and Don Hicks third. Other prizes were won by Pat Scadden, Lois Adamson, Eileen Shapiera and Lorna Hicks.

February 20 euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Elaine Yeo reports that Olive Daniels won for high hands, Diane Peacock for lone hands, Maria Tschida for low hands and Gala Stamp for the draw.

February 20 euchre at Club 35: Holding the most lone hands was Tom Pearson while Verna Sawyer was double lucky winning for both high lady and the baloney. High man was Lorne Dinesen while Jean Randell and Mavis Ryalen recorded the lows.

February 20 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: Thelma Francis captured the high score with Roger Fournier and Vic Ballik tied for second high. Moonshots went to Theresa Deak and Thelma Francis [2] while Marjorie Paradis took the draw prize.

Cool Kinmount Winterfest

As the cold weather sets in and dreams of an early spring quickly fade, the Kinmount and Area Business Association is actually happy winter is finally here. They are planning their 2nd annual Kinmount Winterfest for Saturday, February 25 and without the winter weather, there can be no winter festival.

This is the second year that the business association has put on the festival and it requires a lot of co-operation from other clubs in the area, says Austin. This year, the Lions Club, the minor sports association, the Shaun Chapman Memorial Skateboard Park Committee, the Kinmount Playschool and the Community Centre Committee are all pitching in where they can.

Events begin on Saturday with a pancake

breakfast and country raffle in the Community Centre from 8 until 11 a.m., followed by a mass exodus to the fairgrounds where the outdoor activities begin, rain, snow or shine.

Throughout the day, lots of outdoors activities are planned, such as horse-drawn sleigh rides, tobogganing, public skating and children's games. For the more organized winter outdoor sports enthusiast, there is an outdoor baseball tournament planned (call 488-2000 to register a team) as well as a kid/parent hockey game scheduled for 12 noon at the arena.

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Former Writers Union of Canada chair coming to “That Place in Carnarvon”

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Former journalist, broadcaster, municipal councillor and federal election candidate, he has been publishing short fiction in Canada since 1973. His short stories have appeared in various literary magazines such as *Quarry*, *Grain*, and *The University of Windsor Review*, as well as anthologies, including *Best Canadian Stories*. He is also the author of three cultural biographies from



Quarry Press on the lives of Anne Murray, Alanis Morissette and Celine Dion.

On March 9, he will be in Carnarvon to share his experience and his work with interested local writers.

Primarily a writer of long fiction, Grills writes occasional magazine articles, also working and teaching on a freelance basis in marketing, journalism, communications and

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In our chat last weekend, Grills quoted one of his favourite authors Herman Hess, "Too much responsibility and obligation is just a lack of courage to lead a private life." While certainly very busy and often in the public eye, Grills is definitely not shy of introspection and is quite frank in revealing his inner demons, something that has fuelled his

writing.

work.

"I have had a nomadic life," he says. "I counted up that I had moved once for every year of my life, but not necessarily a great distance each time."

When asked if he felt that it had had an impact on his writing, Grills replied, "Yeah, my experience with existential crisis – the conflict between the desperado half of me and the half that warns me I should get in step with the conventional world. I have learned that ultimately the goal is balance."

Grills says that not everybody feels existential crisis with the same intensity as he

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Rebel writer admits to politics in writing

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does. Many people are comfortable conforming; therefore, they experience no crisis. "In the rest of my family," he says, "people are content to have simple lives and jobs."

"I have had extensive battles with this. I admire the guy who wants to forge his own direction and control his destiny. At one point I was such a workaholic. I was in hospital with heart problems and still asking for a laptop in order to meet my deadlines. I had been working over 100 hours a week and exhaustion put me there for a week. I had to learn that a balance was required between respecting the conventional side that I had to acknowledge and giving free reign to the rebel or creative side of me."

Always the rebel Grills says, "Conventional society doesn't have a lot to be smug about. When I was a workaholic, I used to create dragons just to slay them. There's a lot of politics involved with writing and you don't make a lot of money."

Grills began his career as a journalist. He started writing when he was 17. He recommends journalism to young writers because of the discipline it helps one develop in meeting deadlines.

Grills' involvement with The Writers' Union of Canada [TWUC] began after the acceptance of his first publication. "I had a novel coming out and I got a letter from Paul Quarrington inviting me to join. Then the union sent out a notice inviting people to serve on committees. I worked with Jack Stoddard on the Coalition for Cultural Diversity putting together an international treaty on cultural diversity. It was eventually passed by UNESCO in 2005." Grills then chose to work on the Cultural Agenda Lobby Committee with Marilyn Symonds and went on to chair it for six years. Having run for federal election in 1988, Grills was heavily involved in international trade issues which was an asset in his role as the Writers' Union representative on many international executive committees such as the New International Instrument for Cultural Diversity.

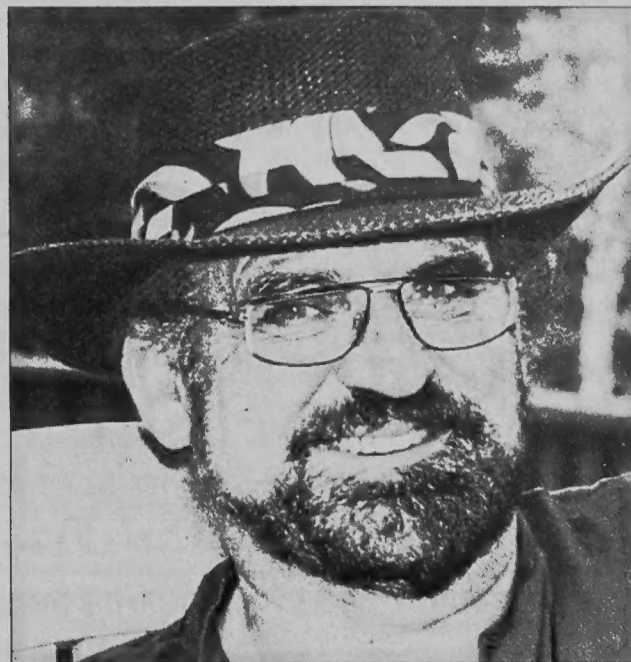
He then ended up on National Council for TWUC serving as treasurer, 2nd vice president, 1st vice president and finally president in 2002. Being more modest, Grills prefers the title of chair.

On a municipal or regional basis, he is a founding director of the Arts Council of Muskoka and a former

chair of the Ontario Tourism Marketing Partnership initiative, Arts in the Wild. He is a director of the North Bay Area Arts Council and serves on North Bay's Co-

got a little rough that way. However, now my problem is that I spend too much time working, trying to pay the rent by teaching and working on a freelance basis in marketing, journalism, communications and creative writing."

Over the years, Grills has spent time in the company of many celebrated Canadian authors. Without hesitation, he states that one of the poets he enjoyed the most was Al Purdy, a



Barry Grills, the former chair of the Writers Union of Canada, will be speaking at That Place in Carnarvon on March 9. Photo submitted.

ordinating Body on Arts, Culture and Heritage.

In May, 2005, he was elected once again to the National Council of TWUC and he was re-elected chair of the Book and Periodical Council, a position he assumed in May, 2004.

When asked if getting so involved with politics limited his time for personal writing, Grills admitted, "There was a time when it

favourite of many. He also singles out the novelist William Deverell proclaimed by the Montreal Gazette as one of Canada's finest mystery writers. He speaks fondly of Audrey Thomas, a colleague very active in TWUC; Wayne Grady, who did a book with David Suzuki; David Homel, a Montreal novelist; and Graham Gibson, husband of Margaret Atwood

and a former chair of The Writers' Union. Despite these authors being well known, Grills states, "The Writers' Union is so down to earth normally."

Grills has also kept some good company with his writing, being in an anthology of works put together by George Bowering called Best Canadian Stories. It contained such authors as Morley Callaghan, Mordecai Richler and a Montreal author, Hugh Hood, that Barry met at a book signing with John Metcalf.

Another thing he notes about writing in the 1970s, "When I started to sell short stories with relative ease, I didn't think about how I was going to keep this going. I also didn't realize that selling these was a big deal." For most of us, wisdom comes with age and experience. Nowadays Barry strikes one as that quintessential scribe always on a quest for the sublime truth that will enlighten the mind and therefore lighten the burdens for those struggling to find their way.

Grills' philosophy and experiences make one think of Prometheus, that Titan driven to rebel against the gods, determined to endure suffering imposed by a higher power, yet impelled to challenge the wisdom of the powers-that-be if it would benefit others struggling with their lives.

Like Prometheus, Grills is sensitive to the desperation that some people feel in their daily uphill battle. He is aware that many people are blissfully unaware of the plight of their fellow man and so is determined to

work as a benefactor to do what he can to alleviate the suffering of those less fortunate in the world, whether through altruistic works or through creating an awareness with his writing. Forsaking writing for a more lucrative full time career is not an option to Grills. For him, writing is the essence of life.

He considers himself extremely fortunate to have found a unique business partner, Jennifer Rouse Barbeau. She is the only person who has read everything he has written and they have such a high regard for each others' work that they have a partnership agreement stating that if one of the partners dies, the other will try to keep submitting the work of the deceased until it is published.

Despite his personal goals, a few years after being chair of TWUC, Grills is back on its National Council as an advocate. He says, "There are still battles to be fought. It's a big deal to me."

Barry Grills will be coming to That Place in Carnarvon on Thursday, March 9 at 12:00 to have lunch and to speak with local writers and interested individual. All are welcome. For more information, call Tiina Heathcock at 705-766-9993 or Pauline Johnson at 705-489-384 or visit www.hhwen.org. Barry's visit is part of The Writer in Residence Program of The Minden Hills Cultural Centre and The Dorset Branch of the Haliburton County Public Library.

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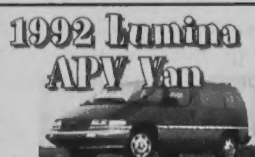
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Thursday, February 27, 2003.
3 long lonely years has passed,
each and every day son mom
thinks of you daily and misses
you more and more. Miss your
kind smile. To hear you laugh.
To see your willing, helping
hands. I who dearly loved you
son with heavens best. May we
meet again where the roses
never fade.
Sadly missed, dearly and lov-
ingly remembered by **your**
Mom.

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Treasure her Lord in her place
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For on earth she was one of the
best.
Always loved, and never forgot-
ten.
Love **Barbara, David, Ryan,**
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McKAY – In loving memory of
my two sons who left us in
2001. Ken on Feb. 3rd and Ray
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Though absent you are very
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dear.
Mom Anne and Laurie.

460 OBITUARIES

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Carpenter and brother-in-law of
Jean Dart, Ron and Ann Burk,
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nephews. Friends were invited
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- **Feb. 25:** Winter Family Fun Night – Sat., Feb. 25, 7 to 9 p.m. Free Family Fun – Horse drawn sleigh rides, tobogganing, ice skating, winter games, hot dogs, hot chocolate, bonfire and much more. Minden Fairgrounds, Bobcaygeon Rd. For more info contact the Township at 286-1260 ext. 215.
- **Feb. 25:** Ron Barr presents The Late Gordon Barr Historic Picture Collection, Saturday, Feb. 25 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Gooderham Community Centre. Admission fee. Refreshments will be served. Sponsored by: Gooderham Community Action Group.
- **Feb. 25:** A Pocketful of Tales – Storytelling workshop with Liz Gilmour. For caregivers, teachers and others working with young children. Learn a variety of ways to present stories, songs, rhymes and poetry. Sat., Feb. 25th at 10:30 at the Ontario Early Years Centre Minden. Please call 286-1770 for cost and to register.
- **Feb. 25:** Kinmount Winterfest. Pancake breakfast and Country raffle (Community Centre), 8 to 11 a.m. Kinmount fairgrounds: Sleigh rides, outdoor baseball tournament, (call 488-2000 to register your team), Kid/Parent hockey game, 12:00 at the arena, etc. Evening dance at the Community Centre. Call 488-9954 for cost, tickets and info.
- **Feb. 26:** Fun day at YMCA Wanakita from 1-5. Everyone welcome. The address is 1883 Koshlong Lake Road in Haliburton. For more info call 457-2132 or check our web-site www.ymcawanakita.on.ca
- **Feb. 26:** 3rd Annual Minden Hills Fire Department Fishing Derby, Sun., Feb. 26, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Entry Fee. Pigeon Lake (off Deep Bay Road) Lots of prizes! For more info, contact the Fire Department at 286-1202.
- **Feb. 26:** Free Public Skating at the Minden Arena, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sponsored by Campbell's Flowers & Gifts.
- **Feb. 27:** "Men's Coffee and Conversation" grief support group. Drop by for coffee and conversation from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. at 112 McLaughlin Rd. Lindsay. Call Palliative Care Victoria at 324-2811 for information.
- **Feb. 28:** from 5 to 7 p.m., St. George's ACW Pancake Supper will be held at the Haliburton Legion. Adults: \$5.00, Children 6-12: \$3.50, Family: \$15.00, Children under 6: Free.
- **Feb. 28:** "CrossRoads" grief support group for the newly bereaved from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. at 112 McLaughlin Rd., Lindsay. Call Palliative Care Victoria at 324-2811 for information.
- **Feb. 28:** St. Margaret's Anglican Church, Wilberforce – Pancake Luncheon with Sausages and a variety of toppings. Tues., Feb. 28, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- **Mar. 4:** 5th annual Irondale Ice Fishing Derby, Sat., Mar. 4. Starting at 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Early registration can be done at the Irondale store. Registration starts at 9 a.m. at Irondale Community Centre. Entry fee. Lots of prizes. More info, call Barry Simmons at 447-2380.
- **Mar. 5:** Free Public Skating at the Minden Arena, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sponsored by Minden Pharmasave.
- **Mar. 6 & 7:** The Income Tax Season is again upon us and our volunteers are again ready to assist you. – Every Mon. beginning Mar. 6, Tiia Billings 447-2462 will be avail. at the Minden Legion from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, Kinmount Legion from 1-3 p.m.; Every Tues. beginning Mar. 7, Haliburton (behind the firehall in the old ambulance building) from 9:30 to 12 noon; Every Tues. beginning Mar. 7, Marlene Watson 448-2266 will be available at the Wilberforce Legion from 1-3 p.m. You can also drop off your returns at the Minden Ontario Information Office on Hwy. 35 any day during business hours. The service is free of charge for eligible clients.
- **Mar. 7:** Ontario Early Years Minden Family Supper Night is taking place on Mar. 7th for families with children 0-6 years. While enjoying a nutritious meal with your child join us for information on Home Safety – where to check for dangers within the home. Please call to register by Monday, Mar. 6th, at 286-1770. information call 457-3030.

- **In February** we will be introducing an exciting new Parent Child Interactive program, Drama Days. Join us every Wednesday this month when we retell popular children stories using puppets, props and costumes. Parents will leave with ideas on how to continue the fun and learning at home. For more information on our programming please call 457-2989.
- **Every Monday:** Family Supper Night will be held at Minden United Church (Newcastle St.) for families with preschool and school-aged children. Come anytime after 3:30 prepared to help with supper preparation, childcare or cleanup. Call Amanda Austin 286-3592 by 9 a.m. Monday morning if you plan to attend, or call for cost and details.
- **First Friday of every month:** Open Mike Nite at the Dominion Hotel, Main St. in Minden. Starts at 8 p.m. Local performers needed; musical, comedy, magic, poets, etc.
- **Next Open Mike is Friday, March 3rd.** Call 286-6954 or 286-5035 to book your act.
- **Now until May 29/06:** Adult Badminton – Mondays 8 to 10 p.m. Starting Sept. 19 to May 29, 2006 at Archie Stouffer Elementary School, Minden. Join us for fun, fellowship, and fitness. Phone 286-1765 for further info.
- **The Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group** meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge at the Highland Crest Senior Citizen's home in Minden. All men and the women who love them are welcome. For info, please contact Rick Ratcliff at 286-6699.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavor to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Times at 286-4768, emailed to editor@mindentimes.on.ca, or brought in to the office. **NOTE:** This calendar is **NOT A COMPREHENSIVE LISTING OF ALL EVENTS** taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in The Times for more information on events and in the Highlands.



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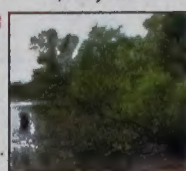
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GULL/GRASS RIVER

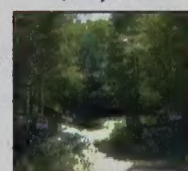
This riverfront lot is located in a friendly neighbourhood on a year-round, privately maintained road. Nicely treed with pines, good waterfront for swimming or boating.



\$29,900

ACREAGE

27.23 acres fronting on the Essonsville Line. Nice rolling acreage with a mixture of trees and hardwood bush. Driveway in, walk to sandy public beach.



\$30,000



Julie Gray*
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MISKWABI LAKE

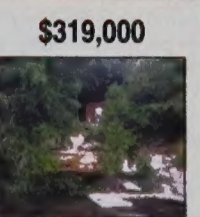
Warm & inviting 13 yr old log, country home w/deeded access. Priv w/southern exp., modern chef's kitchen & new SS appliances. 4 br (2 w/suites), 3 baths, hardwood & ceramic floors, cathedral ceiling, loft & pine paneled full w/o bsmt. You will love the warmth of the logs in this charming year-round vacation home w/water access on Miskwabi Lake.



\$309,000

GRASS LAKE

Charming 2-3 bdrm cottage nestled on an Algonquin style lot with good privacy, clean rock frontage on a 5 lake chain, mins. from village. All natural pine interior, hardwood floors, all new windows, roof and septic, western exposure, huge bunkie, stone patio overlooking lake and large party deck. This has everything!



\$319,000



Bill Kulas*
286-2911
ext. 44

COUNTRY ESTATE

Nestled on a very private and nicely wooded 30 acre property this custom built log home must be seen to be truly appreciated. This 2,100 sq ft home features: 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, stone fireplace, office/den, 2 car garage and much more.



ASKING \$289,000

HALLS LAKE

Just listed! This three bedroom cottage, close to the water's edge, features: large sunroom, guest bunkie, stone fireplace, clean shoreline to deep water and a gorgeous big lake view with southern exposure. A must see!



ASKING \$288,500



Ken Barry**
Deb Deremo*
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DEEDED ACCESS TO KUSHOG

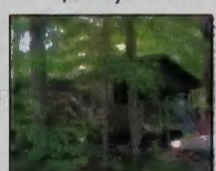
Recently finished 2 bdrm cottage on 20 acres shows to perfection! Bright & cheery open concept w/wood laminate flooring & airtight wood stove. Property has rolling terrain, hilltop views & deeded big lake access. It might just be the affordable retreat you've been looking for!



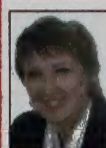
\$149,900

KASHAGAWISAMOG

3 bdrm cottage on prestigious 5-lake chain. Cozy ambience with hardwood flooring, updated kitchen, wood stove, attached sun room. Detached bunkie to accommodate guests, oversized dock at water's edge, mature trees & a south-west exposure are the perfect compliment to lakeside enjoyment.



\$279,900



Lynda Litwin*
286-2911
ext. 35

CHARMING HOME

Immaculately kept 3 bedroom bungalow with walk-out basement. Stone fireplace, finished family room.



BUILDING LOT

Easy access building lot minutes south of Minden. Level lot with Hydro and Bell to the lot line of 2.1 acres with mixed trees.

\$15,900



Geoff Bunn*
457-1011
ext. 242

176 ACRE RETREAT

Located minutes from the town of Haliburton. This 3 bedroom home/cottage sits close to the shoreline of Bonham Lake. The cottage is full of old country charm w/wood interior & cathedral ceilings. For more information call Geoff Bunn.



\$599,000



Rick Lowes*
286-2911
ext. 47

KUSHOG LAKE - NEW PRICE!

Custom built executive three bedroom cottage/home. Loads of extras, including bass boat, paddle boat and ski boat. Call now!



\$354,900



Fred Chapple*
286-2911
ext. 43

CLOSE TO MINDEN

4 bedroom bungalow on 1.3 acre landscaped lot. Upgraded hydro, oil furnace & tank, drilled well, with A/C. Full basement. Terrific starter or retirement home. Call Fred Chapple or Bill Kulas.



\$124,500

A GREAT RENTAL OPPORTUNITY

Here is your chance to own a home which boasts "old-world charm". 4 bedrooms + lots of room to roam. Has commercial C-1 zoning - start your own home business.



\$124,900



Karen Nimigon*
457-1011
ext. 224

MOORE LAKE

Charmingly country 4 season waterfront cottage/home. Wood walls, cathedral ceiling, well designed kitchen. Sunken living room w/wood stove & w/o to deck, full basement, single car garage & workshop, 3-lake chain, sand shoreline, cedar dock & easy access to snowmobile trails. Why wish & wait? Call Karen today to view.



\$319,000



Victor Disik*
286-2911
ext. 45

WANTED

I currently have customers who are actively looking to buy a year-round lakefront home/cottage on Bob, Little Bob or North Pigeon Lakes. If you are planning to sell or know of a neighbour who is, please call Victor Disik at 1-705-286-2911.



Elizabeth Thompson*
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NEGAUNEE LAKE

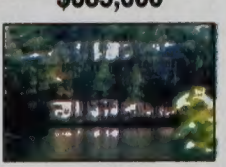
Charming, spacious 2 bedroom cottage with 4 pc bath; gentle sloping lot with great privacy; oak kitchen; fireplace in living room; enclosed pine sun porch and decks; loads of windows; good swimming; no motor lake; boat launch to Miskwabi Lake nearby. Call Elizabeth for showing.



\$199,900

REDSTONE LAKE

Relax by roaring fire in one of 2 fireplaces in this beautiful custom-designed open concept home/cottage on prestigious Redstone. Spacious rooms with lots of windows; custom kitchen & new appliances; attractively finished; 165 ft. sandy shoreline; miles of boating. Please call Elizabeth for showing.



\$685,000



Vince Duchene**
457-1011
ext. 225

\$139,900

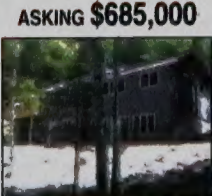
Great 3 bdrm family or retirement home located 15 minutes east of Haliburton on Hwy. #118. This home also features 2 baths, finished rec room with w/o as well as a w/o off the dining room to back deck, large, private backyard and more. Call today for viewing!



Ted Vasey*
457-1011
ext. 223

REDSTONE LAKE

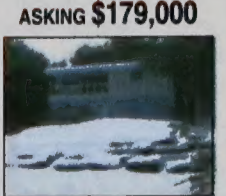
New waterfront home with 3570 sq ft of living space. Open concept with cathedral ceilings, hardwood floors, 2 stone fireplaces, custom design kitchen, master bdrm ensuite, elegant decor, 4 bdrms, main floor laundry, w/o FR, sand shoreline, sunsets, year-round road.



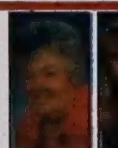
ASKING \$685,000

MINDEN - BOBCAYGEON ROAD

Lake new 3 bdrm raised bungalow, 1196 sq ft, maple kitchen, hardwood floors, master bdrm ensuite, main floor laundry, w/o bsmt, some small finishing touches needed.



ASKING \$179,000



Lenor Fulton*
Tracy Ackersblade*
286-2911
exts. 23 & 46

SERVICE STATION IN GOODERHAM

This commercial property, zoned C1, is a great opportunity to be your own boss. It boasts a 3-bay garage complete with a hoist and tools to run your own automotive business. Also incl. in the purchase price is a 2 bedroom home with new basement windows and a new oil furnace. Please call Tracy or Lenor.



\$349,900



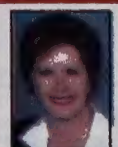
Melanie Vigrass*
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SOLD

DAVIS LAKE ROAD

Two lots (6.9 acres and 6.1 acres) on year round Township road with hydro at lot line and backing onto crown land. Call Melanie for details.

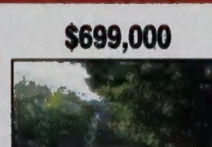
\$16,900/each



Linda Beachli***
457-1011
ext. 227

EXECUTIVE FITNESS CLUB

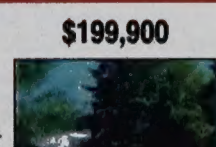
Home operated upscale and fully equipped fitness business including all the equipment, luxurious home complete with inground pool. Ideal semi-retirement home and business.



\$699,000

LEGAL DUPLEX

Sunny & bright legal duplex offers lots of options. 3 bdrms up and 1 bdrm down all on a quiet cul-de-sac near the hospital and schools. Live here and bring the in-laws or enjoy rental income from one or both units.



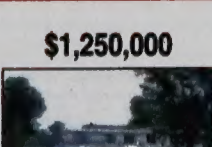
\$199,900



Peter Brady**
457-1011
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LODGE/FAMILY RESORT

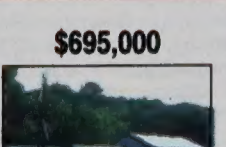
Lodge 9,800 sq ft manager's residence, 11 guest cabins, tennis courts, 650 ft lakefront with 40 acres, ideal family compound. Viewing by appointment.



\$1,250,000

COMMERCIAL

Located just south of Minden on the major highway heading north, this location offers a production shop, storage shop, administration area with out building all on more than 10 acres of multiple zoned parcels of property.



\$695,000